

The Crocus Massacre | It's War: The Real Meat Grinder Starts Now



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Pepe Escobar below pulls together all the threads, taking into account the massacre at the Crocus Theatre in Moscow on Friday evening, with the current death toll standing at around 133 at least.

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Exhibit 1: Friday, March 22, 2024. It's War. The Kremlin, via Peskov, finally admits it, on the record.

The money quote:

"Russia cannot allow the existence on its borders of a state that has a documented intention to use any methods to take Crimea away from it, not to mention the territory of new regions."

Translation: the Hegemon-constructed Kiev mongrel is doomed, one way or another. The Kremlin signal "We haven't even started" starts now.

Exhibit 2: Friday afternoon, a few hours after Peskov. Confirmed by a serious European – not Russian – source. The first counter-signal.

Regular troops from France, Germany and Poland have arrived, by rail and air, to Cherkassy, south of Kiev. A substantial force. No numbers leaked. They are being housed in schools. For all practical purposes, **this is a NATO force.**

That signals, "Let the games begin". From a Russian point of view, Mr. Khinzal's business cards are set to be in great demand.

Exhibit 3: Friday evening. Terror attack on Crocus City, a music venue northwest of Moscow. A heavily trained commando shoots people on sight, point blank, in cold blood, then sets a concert hall on fire. The definitive counter-signal: with the battlefield collapsing, all that's left is terrorism in Moscow.

And just as terror was striking Moscow, **the US and the UK, in southwest Asia, was bombing Sana'a, the Yemeni capital,** with at least five strikes.

Some nifty coordination. **Yemen has just clinched a strategic deal in Oman with Russia-China for no-hassle navigation** in the Red Sea, and is among the top candidates for BRICS+ expansion at the summit in Kazan next October.

Not only the Houthis are spectacularly defeating thalassocracy, they have the Russia-China strategic partnership on their side. **Assuring China and Russia that their ships can sail through the Bab-al-Mandeb, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden with no problems is exchanged with total political support from Beijing and Moscow.**

The sponsors remain the same

Deep in the night in Moscow, before dawn on Saturday 23. Virtually no one is sleeping. Rumors dance like dervishes on countless screens. Of course nothing has been confirmed – yet. Only the FSB will have answers. A massive investigation is in progress.

The timing of the Crocus massacre is quite intriguing. On a Friday during Ramadan. Real Muslims would not even think about perpetrating a mass murder of unarmed civilians under such a holy occasion. Compare it with the ISIS card being frantically branded by the usual suspects.

Let's go pop. To quote Talking Heads: "This ain't no party/ this ain't no disco/ this ain't no fooling around". Oh no; it's more like an all-American psy op. ISIS are cartoonish mercenaries/goons. Not real Muslims. And **everyone knows who finances and weaponizes them.**



That leads to the most possible scenario, before the FSB weighs in: ISIS goons imported from the Syria battleground – as it stands, **probably Tajiks – trained by CIA and MI6, working on behalf of the Ukrainian SBU**. Several witnesses at Crocus referred to “Wahhabis” – as in the commando killers did not look like Slavs.

It was up to Serbia’s Aleksandar Vucic to cut to the chase. He directly connected the **“warnings” in early March from American and British embassies directed at their citizens not to visit public places in Moscow with CIA/MI6 intel having inside info about possible terrorism, and not disclosing it to Moscow.**

The plot thickens when it is established that **Crocus is owned by the Agalarovs: an Azeri-Russian billionaire family, very close friends of...**

... Donald Trump.



The world is ready now.

The stage is set.

Talk about a Deep State-pinpointed target.

ISIS spin-off or banderistas – the sponsors remain the same. The clownish secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, **Oleksiy Danilov**, was **dumb enough to virtually, indirectly confirm they did it**, saying on Ukrainian TV, “we will give them [Russians] this kind of fun more often.”

But it was up to Sergei Goncharov, a veteran of the elite Russia Alpha anti-terrorism unit, to get closer to unwrapping the enigma: he told Sputnik **the most feasible mastermind is Kyrylo Budanov – the chief of the Main Directorate of Intelligence at the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense.**

The “spy chief” who happens to be the top CIA asset in Kiev.

It's got to go till the last Ukrainian

The three exhibits above complement what the **head of NATO's military committee, Rob Bauer**, previously told a security forum in Kiev: "You need more than just grenades – you need people to replace the dead and wounded. And this means mobilization."

Translation: NATO spelling out this is a war until the last Ukrainian.

And the "leadership" in Kiev still does not get it. Former Minister of Infrastructure Omelyan: "If we win, we will pay back with Russian oil, gas, diamonds and fur. If we lose, there will be no talk of money – the West will think about how to survive."

In parallel, puny "garden-and jungle" Borrell admitted that it would be "difficult" for the EU to find an extra 50 billion euros for Kiev if Washington pulls the plug. The cocaine-fueled sweaty sweatshirt leadership actually believes that Washington is not "helping" in the form of loans, but in the form of free gifts. And the same applies for the EU.

The Theater of the Absurd is unmatched. The German Liver Sausage Chancellor actually believes that proceeds from stolen Russian assets "do not belong to anyone", so they can be used to finance extra Kiev weaponizing.

Everyone with a brain knows that using interest from "frozen", actually stolen Russian assets to weaponize Ukraine is a dead end – unless they steal all of Russia's assets, roughly \$200 billion, mostly parked in Belgium and Switzerland: that would tank the Euro for good, and the whole EU economy for that matter.

Eurocrats better listen to Russian Central Bank major "disrupter" (American terminology) Elvira Nabiullina: The Bank of Russia will take "appropriate measures" if the EU does anything on the "frozen"/stolen Russian assets.

It goes without saying that the three exhibits above completely nullify the "La Cage aux Folles" circus promoted by the puny Petit Roi, now known across his French domains as Macronapoleon.

Virtually the whole planet, including the English-speaking Global North, had already been mocking the “exploits” of his Can Can Moulin Rouge Army.

So French, German and Polish soldiers, as part of NATO, are already in the south of Kiev. The most possible scenario is that they will stay far, far away from the frontlines – although traceable by Mr. Khinzal’s business activities.

Even before this new NATO batch arriving in the south of Kiev, **Poland** – which happens to serve as prime transit corridor for Kiev’s troops – **had confirmed that Western troops are already on the ground.**

So this is not about mercenaries anymore. France, by the way, is only 7th in terms of mercenaries on the ground, largely trailing Poland, the US and Georgia, for instance. **The Russian Ministry of Defense has all the precise records.**

In a nutshell: now war has morphed from Donetsk, Avdeyevka and Belgorod to Moscow. Further on down the road, it may not just stop in Kiev. It may only stop in Lviv (*ER: western Ukraine*). Mr. 87%, enjoying massive national near-unanimity, (Putin) now has the mandate to go all the way. Especially after Crocus.

There’s every possibility the terror tactics by Kiev goons will finally drive Russia to return Ukraine to its original 17th century landlocked borders: Black Sea-deprived, and with Poland, Romania, and Hungary reclaiming their former territories.

Remaining Ukrainians will start to ask serious questions about what led them to fight – literally to their death – on behalf of the US Deep State, the military complex and BlackRock.

As it stands, the Highway to Hell meat grinder is bound to reach maximum velocity.

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